



## Contra Costa County and City Of Richmond NEWS RELEASE

## Contra Costa County and City of Richmond Bring Services to Residents One-Stop County Services Event Thursday, August 15, 5:00 p.m. – 7:30 p.m.

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(Contra Costa County, CA) – Forget having to make multiple stops to government offices to take care of that "to do" list. We've got you covered with a Summer Block Party.

Contra Costa County, the County's Employment and Human Services Department (EHSD) and the City of Richmond are collaborating to provide a fun, festive event that offers a wide variety of onthe-spot government services at one single location.

The County's 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual "Summer Block Party" will be held on Thursday, August 15, 2019 from 5:00 to 7:30 pm at Civic Center Plaza, 440 Civic Center Drive, Richmond.

"This is an opportunity for any Contra Costa County resident to come learn about services and to take care of business you might have," said Board Chair, Supervisor John Gioia. "Staff will be ready to help you."

"It's exciting to bring all of our different services together to benefit the community, at a time and place more convenient to their busy schedules," Contra Costa County Employment and Human Services Department Director Kathy Gallagher said. "Our goal is to make it not only convenient, but fun."

Richmond Mayor Tom Butt added, "So many of our local service needs are provided through the County in partnership with City government, and this event will give Richmond residents a great chance to discover those resources and programs that they can use. I hope the community will take advantage of this opportunity to get connected with their public services."

This is the third consecutive year that Contra Costa County has hosted the increasingly popular event. The "Summer Block Party" rotates locations each year to provide opportunities to engage with us in each geographic area of the County.

Available services at the Summer Block Party event will include, but are not limited to:

- Animal licensing
- Vouchers for pet vaccinations
- Marriage licenses
- Copies of vital records
- Library card signups
- Job training opportunities and information
- Signups for free benefits, such as CalFresh and Medi-Cal
- Foster parent applications
- Signups for Veterans' benefits
- Voter Registration
- Child ID kits
- Information about Contra Costa County's Clean Slate program
- Energy efficiency rebates
- Contra Costa Television (CCTV) -- and many more County programs.

For more information, please call the County's Employment and Human Services Department at 925-608-4808 or visit <a href="www.contracosta.ca.gov/7625">www.contracosta.ca.gov/7625</a>. Free parking will be available around the Civic Center Plaza in Richmond.

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